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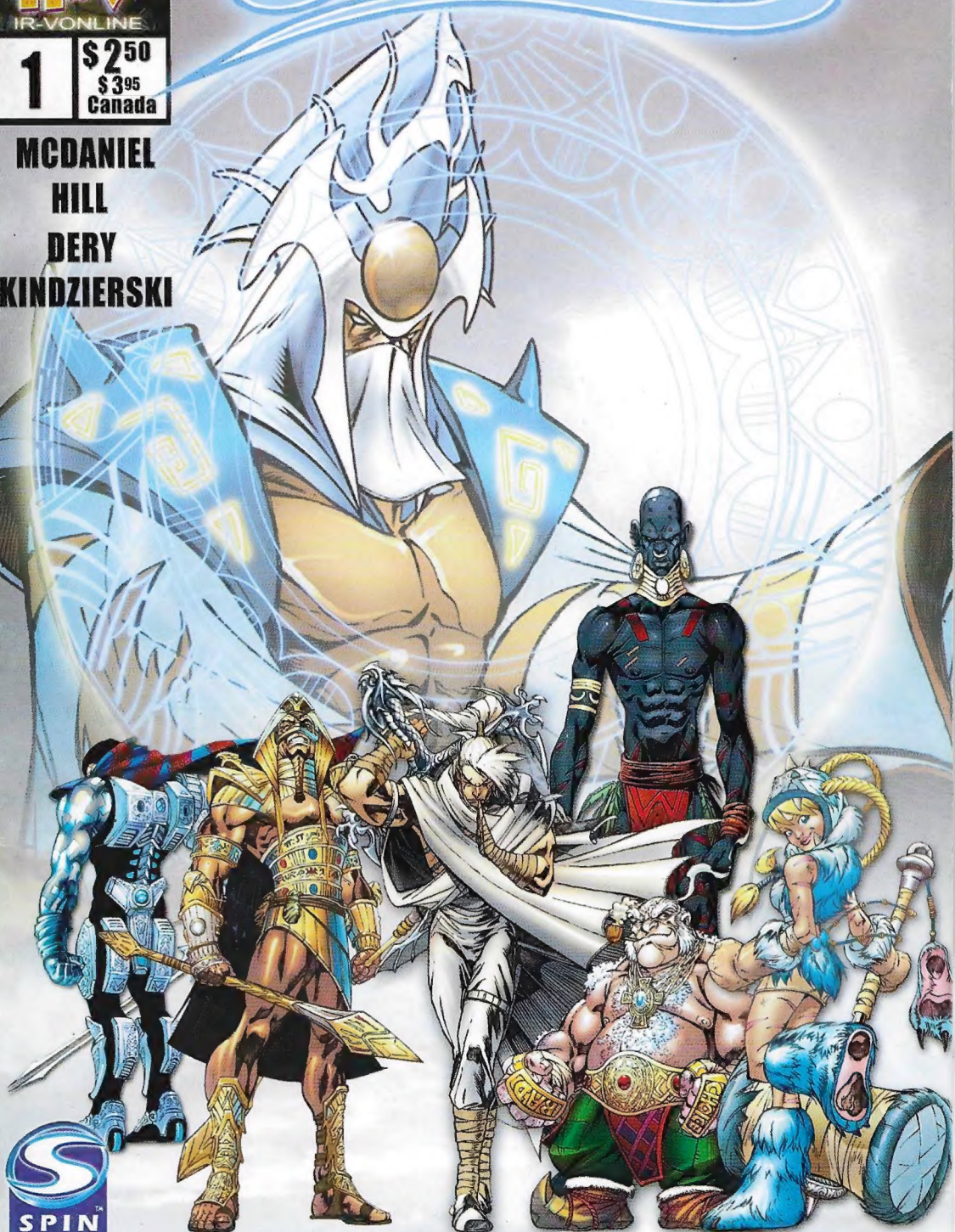


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THE ORDER of LIGHT





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In the Beginning...

...there was harmony.

Two beings. One love.

Haziaome (Mother)

Owari (Father)

Haziaome carried within her  
the children of the elements.

Tenshi, the child of light.

Ákuma, the son of darkness.





Tenshi was the Controller of water and wind.

As children, they mastered their arts.

Jealousy turned into rivalry.



Ikuma had the Power over earth and fire.



Mastery turned into jealousy.



Rivalry turned into WAR.





The war that was CREATION.

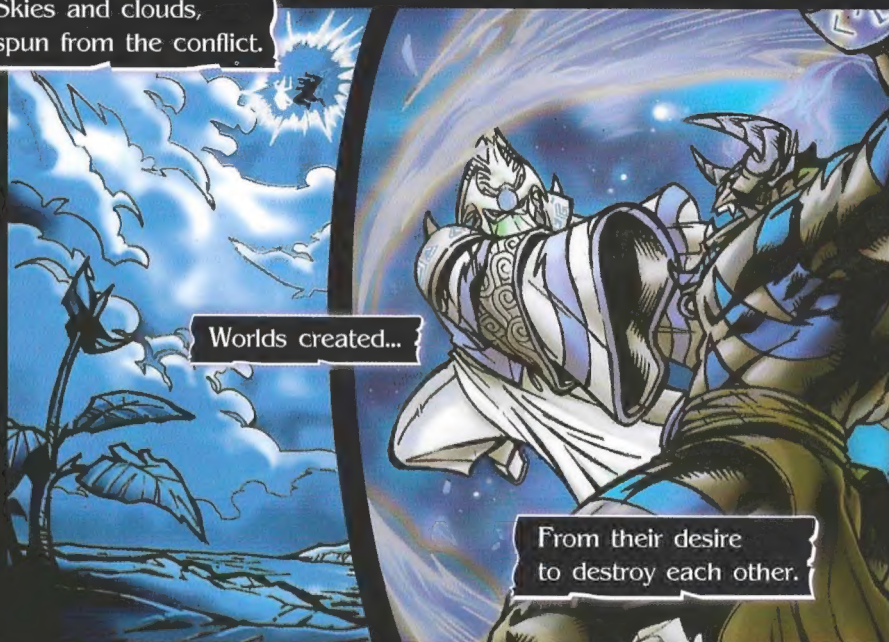


From the clash,  
stars saw their birth.



Rivers streamed from cut flesh.

Skies and clouds,  
spun from the conflict.



Worlds created...

From their desire  
to destroy each other.



For millennia, Tenshi and Akuma fought, neither one the victor.



Haziaome and Owari watched in horror.



They knew peace would never come.

The parents chose to act.



Balance had to be restored to the universe.



Tenshi and Akuma were encased in CRYSTAL.

Owari and Haziaome sent the trapped Tenshi and Akuma tumbling down towards a still forming world--

A world where their parents would confine them,

in the hope that they would one day find harmony.

But still their fury grew.

With a last surge of power to try and free themselves...

...their prison shattered, their essence spread across several crystals.

Those crystals plummeted towards the new world.

The crystals would become known...

Within each crystal is an animal spirit.

...as KODAI-GEMS.



The new world, the unknown planet was EARTH.

Over the course of a year, twelve animal powers manifested from the Kodai-Gems. Each gem bonded with an animal power. Twelve majestic gems.



From the power of these Zodiac symbols came all life on earth. Plant. Animal. Man.

Inside each of us lies the power of TENSHI, from the order of LIGHT...

...or AKUMA, the power of DARKNESS.

The seed of Akuma's power lies in the Akuma Stone, and with it, the forces of all destruction.

Tenshi's power lies in the Tenshi Stone, the power of light, of purity, of creation.



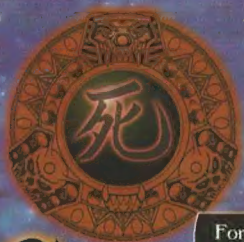
But the great stones have been lost. Scattered across civilizations, across time itself.

In the search, mankind has found the animal stones, gaining the power of the ZODIAC.

But the true quest remains the same. The unity of Tenshi and Akuma.

And the birth of ULTIMATE POWER.

This is HISTORY.



For generations, many have sought to unify the power of Tenshi and Akuma.





History becomes legend.

Legend becomes myth.

Earth. China.

The age of Warriors.

A boy named Sam  
wakes from a dream.

A dream of CREATION itself.



AKUMA?

TENCHI?

KODAI-GEMS?

I MUST  
BE GOING  
CRAZY.

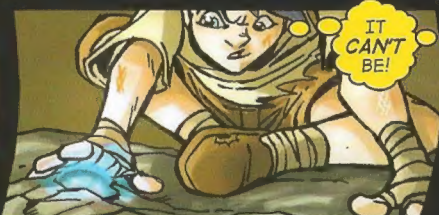
GET BACK TO WORK,  
OR I'LL READY MY WHIP,  
WATER BOY!

I'M  
SORRY, SIR!

IT  
WON'T  
HAPPEN  
AGAIN!



HUH?



IT  
CAN'T  
BE!

IT'S JUST LIKE  
ONE OF THE CRYSTALS  
IN MY DREAM!





IT'S JUST LIKE  
ONE OF THE CRYSTALS  
IN MY DREAM!

WHAT  
WERE THEY  
CALLED?

DJINN'S?

And as young Sam holds  
the Djinn crystal, he feels  
the ancient power within.

The power of  
the spirit within.

Power unlike anything Sam  
has ever felt in his life.

Power forgotten by  
the world of men.

WHOA!

BY THE  
EMPEROR,  
YOU WILL NOT  
DEFY ME!

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING!?

BOY!

NOTHING,  
SIR.

BE GLAD  
I'M TIRED,  
BOY.

TAKE THIS WATER  
TO THE MEN.

I HAVE  
TO FIND OUT  
WHAT THIS  
IS.

LOVE AND  
GLORY TO THE  
EMPIRE, SIR!

BUT MAYBE  
IT CAN SET  
ME FREE

FREE. I'VE  
FORGOTTEN WHAT  
THAT WORD  
MEANS.



High above the mines. Someone thinks about FREEDOM.

And in the thought she finds only HATE.

SNAKE.

HAVE YOU FOUND THE STONE?

NOT YET.

BUT MY LORD, IT SEEMS REDICULOUS.

...USING ALL THESE MEN TO FIND ONE LITTLE STONE.

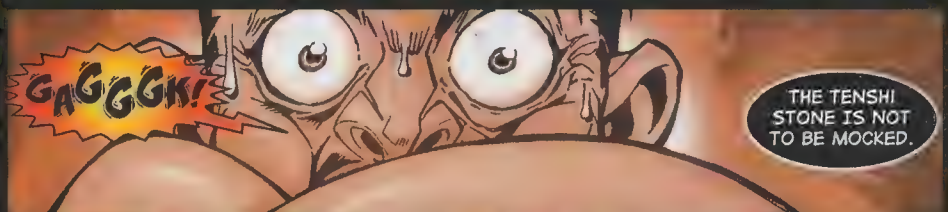
OH?

YOU DO NOT SHARE AKUMA'S VISION?

HEH. IF OUR CLAN'S PURPOSE IS NOW DIGGING FOR ROCKS, I THINK MY FUTURE MAY LIE ELSEWHERE.

YOUR FUTURE?









RAM, I THINK  
WE'RE FINALLY GOING  
TO HAVE A LITTLE SPORT  
AROUND HERE.



MY APOLOGIES,  
MY MASTER.

THE TENSHI  
STONE WILL  
BE FOUND.

NO,  
SNAKE...

IT  
HAS BEEN  
FOUND

YOU SHALL  
BRING IT TO ME,  
MY FAITHFUL  
WARRIOR.

EVEN NOW  
I CAN FEEL ITS  
**POWER!**

I MUST  
HAVE IT!

AND THE ONE  
WHO HAS IT?



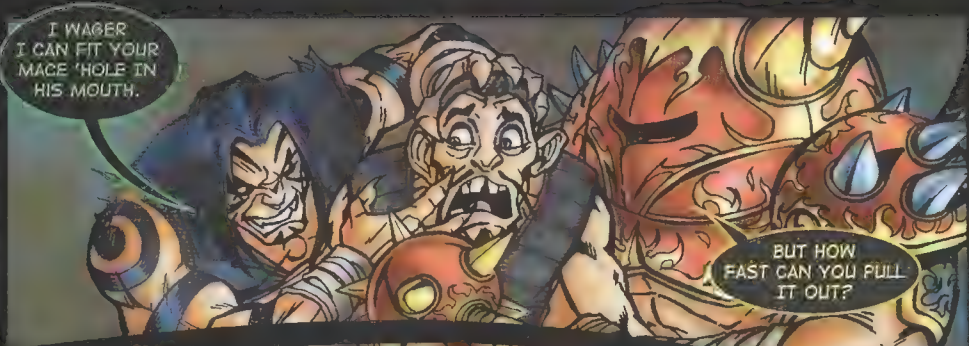
**DESTROY  
THEM.**

PLEASE.  
DON'T  
HURT ME

I THINK  
THERE'S TIME  
FOR A SPOT OF  
**FUN.**

WHAT DID  
YOU HAVE IN  
MIND?






I WAGER  
I CAN FIT YOUR  
MACE 'HOLE IN  
HIS MOUTH.

BUT HOW  
FAST CAN YOU PULL  
IT OUT?



LOST  
SNAKE



YOUR ORDERS  
WERE TO TAKE  
THE PRISONER  
TO HIS CELL.



Y'KNOW  
WOLF,

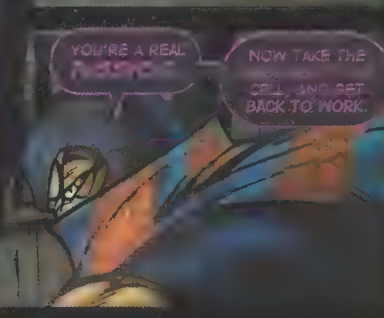
BEIN' MISS  
SNAKE'S LAPDOG  
DON'T MAKE YOU  
MUCH MORE THAN  
A PUP T'ME.



SATIAAAAA!

SWIPE!

AND YOU  
HAVE FAILED. TC  
DO EVEN THAT.



YOU'RE A REAL  
FUCKING

NOW TAKE THE  
CELL AND GET  
BACK TO WORK.



"ALL THAT  
MATTERS IS  
THE STONE"

INTEREST  
YOU IN SOME  
TRINKETS?

I'VE GOT  
NO TIME,  
SORRY!

EEHH...?  
TAKE A LOOK-  
**GOLD...**

...A LOT LIKE  
GOLD. A LOT  
LIKE SILVER

FOR YOUR  
MOM. FOR  
YOUR, GIRL-  
EEHH?

CAN'T.  
SORRY.

I DON'T  
NEED MORE  
TROUBLE.

DO I LOOK  
LIKE SOMEONE WHO  
WOULD GET YOU  
IN TROUBLE?

**HEY!**

WHAT'S  
THAT!

DUNNO WHAT  
YOU'RE TALKING  
ABOUT?

THAT  
STONE!  
WHAT IS  
IT?

I SEE IT,  
**BOY!**

I SEE  
IT...

...AND I  
WANT IT!

**GIVE  
IT TO ME!!**

WHAT IS  
THIS?

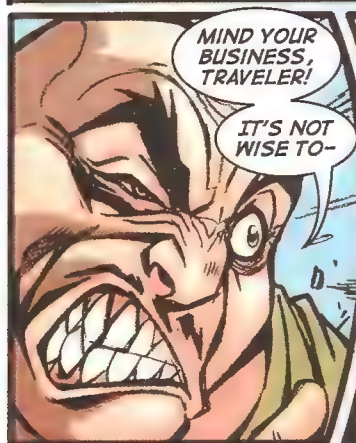
THERE'S NO  
MINERAL LIKE THIS  
AROUND HERE!

WHERE  
DID YOU  
FIND IT?

I'LL  
MAKE YOU  
REMEMBER!

I...UH...  
I DUNNO.







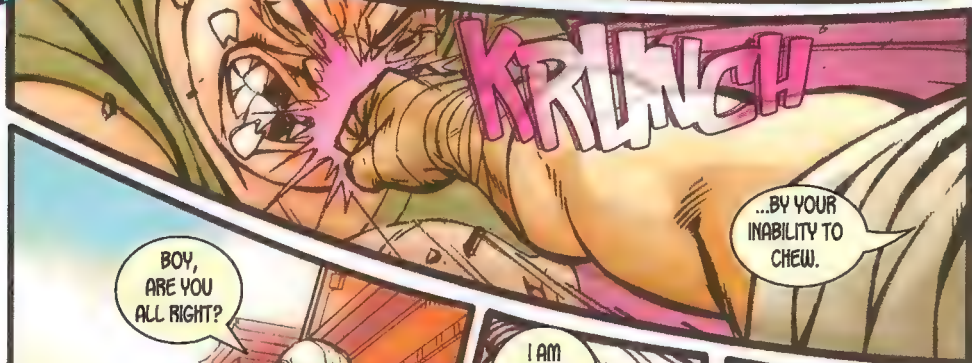


I'M  
GOING TO  
SHUT IT!

AAAAAAAAH!

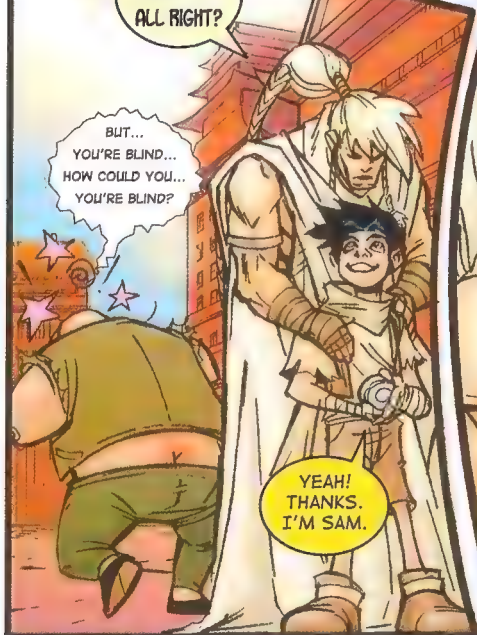
WAOOSH!

AND NOW  
YOUR INABILITY TO  
REASON, WILL BE  
MATCHED...



KRILNCH!

...BY YOUR  
INABILITY TO  
CHEW.



BOY,  
ARE YOU  
ALL RIGHT?

BUT...  
YOU'RE BLIND...  
HOW COULD YOU...  
YOU'RE BLIND?

YEAH!  
THANKS.  
I'M SAM.



I AM  
CALLED,  
DRAGON.

OH, I  
SUPPOSE THE  
FAT MAT DIDN'T SHUT  
MY MOUTH.

HEH.



WHO TAUGHT  
YOU HOW TO FIGHT  
LIKE THAT?

COME WITH  
ME, AND I'LL  
SHOW YOU.



NIGHT  
COMES,  
SULE.

I'M  
WORRIED  
ABOUT MY  
CHILDREN.

THEY  
HAVEN'T COME  
HOME FOR THEIR  
DINNER. THEY CAN BE  
SUCH A HANDFUL  
AT TIMES.

CHILDREN  
LIKE TROUBLE  
AS MUCH AS IT  
LIKES THEM.

WOULD  
YOU LIKE TO  
STAY AND EAT  
WITH US?

PERHAPS,  
I...

ZAZU, WHAT  
HAPPENED?

WHERE  
IS YOUR  
SISTER?

**MOMMA!**

**NALAA!!  
WE WERE  
PLAYING BY  
THE RIVER---  
A TIGER,**

**IT'S  
NALAA!!!**

**NALAA'S  
IN TROUBLE--  
I CAN'T--  
I COULDN'T  
HELP...**

STAY  
WITH YOUR  
MOTHER.



he man known as Sule--the man  
who will be known as HORSE.

With wisdom and patience he  
reaches out to the jungle--

Gives himself to its majesty.

Horse seeks the  
spirit of an animal--

The jaguar...

And he finds it.

HUFF!  
PUFF!

The jungle holds  
near-mystical beauty.

But the beauty hides danger...

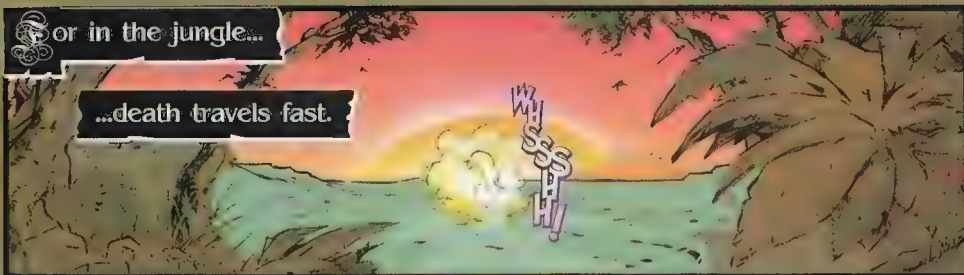
NEEEEEE!

RRRRRR!

...and DEATH.

Horse knows he must  
use his gifted speed...





For in the jungle...

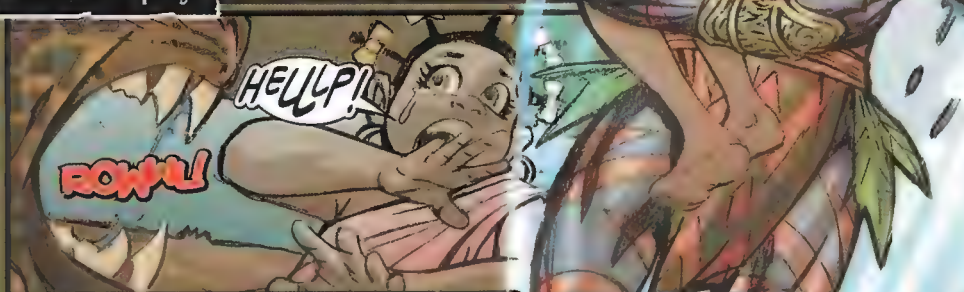
...death travels fast.



In the jungle there are predators.



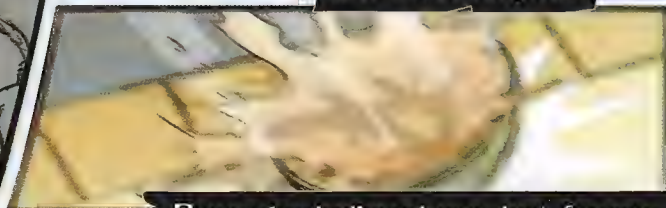
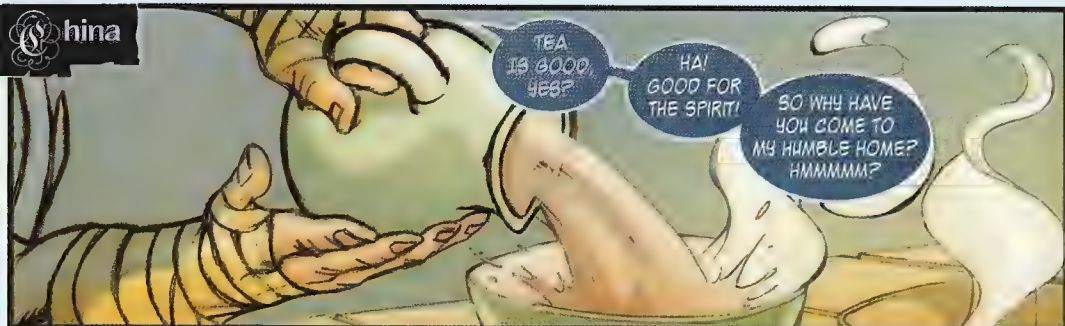
There are prey.



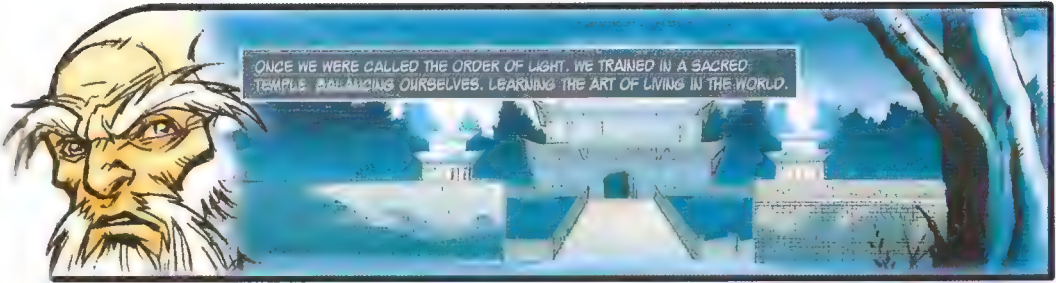
And there are HEROES.

HORSE.









ONCE WE WERE CALLED THE ORDER OF LIGHT. WE TRAINED IN A SACRED TEMPLE, BALANCING OURSELVES, LEARNING THE ART OF LIVING IN THE WORLD.



IN OUR TEMPLE WAS A LEGEND, THE LEGEND OF THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE.



TWO FORCES, TWO SCROLLS. ONE FOR DESTRUCTION, ONE FOR CREATION.

DARKNESS AND LIGHT.

OPPOSING FORCES THAT BROUGHT BALANCE.

IT WAS OUR CHARGE TO PROTECT THE SCROLLS, AND WE DID FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS.

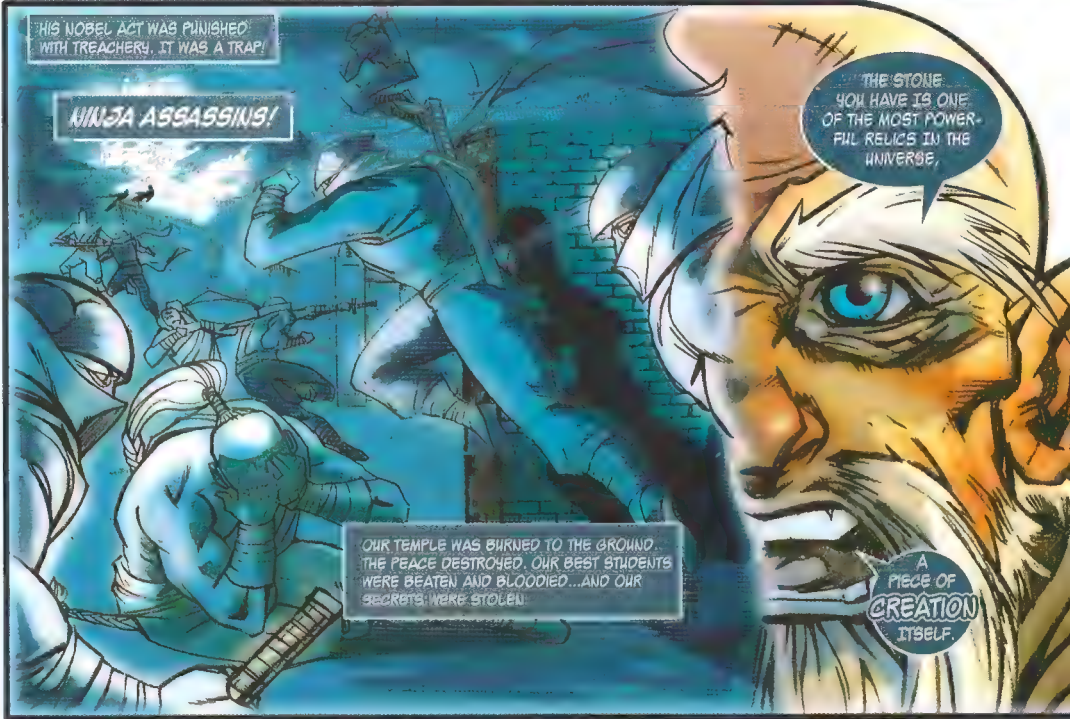


ONE SPRING, A WOMAN WAS ATTACKED OUTSIDE THE TEMPLE GATES.

THE MONKS IN THE TEMPLE DID NOT BREAK THEIR VOW OF FOCUS AND DISCIPLINE.

EVEN THOUGH THEY WANTED TO HELP, THEY COULD NOT RISK OPENING THE GATES.

BUT ONE MONK WAS MOVED BY COMPASSION. HE OPENED THE GATES TO HELP THE WOMAN.



THIS NOBLE ACT WAS PUNISHED WITH TREACHERY. IT WAS A TRAP!

NINJA ASSASSINS!

OUR TEMPLE WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND. THE PEACE DESTROYED. OUR BEST STUDENTS WERE BEATEN AND BLOODIED...AND OUR SECRETS WERE STOLEN.

THE STONE YOU HAVE IS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL RELICS IN THE UNIVERSE.

A PIECE OF CREATION ITSELF.





YOU DID  
NOT FIND THE  
STONE SAM--

IT FOUND YOU.  
YOU WILL BE ITS  
GUARDIAN AND ITS  
PROTECTOR--

BUT I  
CAN'T--

YOU  
DON'T HAVE  
A CHOICE.



THAT'S HIM!  
HE'S THE ONE  
WHO ATTACKED  
ME!

AFFARENTLY,  
DRAGON, YOU  
WERE NOT VIOLENT  
ENOUGH.

THE  
CONFLICT IS  
NOT OVER!

continued...



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